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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE SATURDAY, FEB 1, LA CAUCUS PREPARATORY TO WGSTT WAS ADJOURNED TO PERMIT DELEGATES TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME GOVERNMENTS. THE CAUCUS IS TO MEET AGAIN TODAY, FEB. 3, AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE WHETHER TO CONTINUE THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY THE GOU (REFTEL). ONE NEWS REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE DELEGATES "WILL DETERMINE THE ATTITUDE TO ASSUME IN FACE OF THE INTERRUPTION OF THE US OF THE "NEW DIALOGUE". END SUMMARY

2. DESCRIBING THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE US IN NOT ATTENDING THE WGSTT, THE MONTEVIDEO NEWSPAPER EL PAIS SAID IT WAS AS REPRISAL FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE MFM THAT SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES". NO MATTER WHAT POSITION IS TAKEN BY THE LA CAUCUS "IT WILL NOT AVOID THE BREAKDOWN OF THE WGSTT".

3. AFTER DESCRIBING THE BACKGROUND OF THE NEW DIALOGUE AND THE WORKING GROUPS, EL PAIS CONTINUES, "THE HOPEFUL PANORAMA PRESENTED BY THE NEW DIALOGUE INITIATED BY KISSINGER DARKENED RAPIDLY NEVERTHELESS WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE SURPRISING

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AND ESPECIALLY ITS HARSHNESS ON ALL OPEC MEMBERS EVEN IF, AS VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR, THEY HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE PETROLEUM EMBARGO AGAINST NORTH AMERICA, CAUSED AN IMMEDIATE LA REACTION.....THE EXPLANATIONS OF THE LAW GIVEN BY US OFFICIALS TO LA AMBASSADORS DID NOTHING EXCEPT REVIVE THE CRITICISMS AND ARGENTINA FOUND ITSELF OBLIGED TO SUSPEND THE MFN, WHICH SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED THE DIALOGUE WITH KISSINGER." THE EL PAIS ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN MONTEVIDEO COULD ARRIVE AT USEFUL CONCLUSIONS ON A TECHNICAL LEVEL IN SPITE OF THE CHILL IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE DELEGATES TO WGSTT WILL NOW DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.

4. LA CAUCUS MEETS AT 10:00 A.M. THIS MORNING AND EMBASSY WILL REPORT RESULTS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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